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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 13-22, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in Class 257, subclass 306.

II. Claims 1-12, drawn to process for making semiconductor devices, classified in Class 438, subclass 253.

The inventions are distinct and independent, each from the other because of the following reasons:

The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) A different field of search. In the instant case unpatentability of the group I invention would not necessarily imply unpatentability of the group II inventions, for example, conductor formed by sputtering deposition.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and as shown by the above different classifications, the fields of search are not co-extensive and separate examination would be required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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